Central assistance as may be desired by them.

SHRI A. G. KULKARNI: May I know from the hon. Home Minister that the reply which has been given, the same type of reply has been given for the last ten years? There is no improvement. Even a comma has not been left which was given earlier. Mufti Ji, I am very sorry that a gentleman like you should have been more careful at least in redrafting the reply so that some freshness would have come. But leave that aside; my basic question is, during the last 30 years, this question has been dragged and people living in the border areas are suffering immense privations, immense difficul- (*Interruptions*)

SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA: No, I object to that statement. (*Interruption*).

SHRI A. G. KULKARNI: During Hegde's time, an assurance was given that the education difficulty of Maharashtra people to learn will be withdrawn. That has not been withdrawn. (*Interruptions*). The hon. Home Minister, in his reply to part (b) of the question has stated, the Chief Minister of the two States have been addressed suggesting to them to explore the possibility etc. I want to know from you, you have addressed them and they have not replied. I had also made the suggestion last year. It is the duty of the Home Minister to call both the Chief Ministers and explore a way out. Don't try to avoid that responsibility. I am very sorry that late Mr. S. M. Joshi expired on this account. Late Mr. Y. B. Chavan expired on this account. Would you please take steps to solve this problem by calling both the Chief Minister?

SHRI MUFTI MOHAMMAD SAYEED: This border dispute has been pending since the last 30 years. During the previous regime, the Maharashtra Assembly passed a resolution. Their delegation met the then Prime Minister. Even he made it clear that it is a bilateral matter which is to be resolved by the concerned States. As far as requesting these two Chief Ministers to resolve it is concerned, I will again make an effort to call them, talk to them and request them to sort out this problem.
(*Interruptions*)

SHRI A. G. KULKARNI: Sir, I want to know from the...

MR. CHAIRMAN: Question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Cost of C-DOT Project

*25. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:

SHRI PASUPON THAKIRUTTINAN:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the estimated cost of the C-DOT Project;

(b) what was the expected time for completion of this project;

(c) the amount of money spent on this project so far;

(d) whether any results have been achieved in manufacturing switches; if not, what are the reasons therefor; and

(e) whether there have been any lapses in implementing this project; and if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) The estimated cost for the first technology mission is Rs. 35 crores and the second technology mission is Rs. 32 crores. Under each mission, a number of projects are undertaken.

(b) The first mission was for 35 months and the second mission was for 31 months.

(c) The total expenditure by C-DOT upto 31-3-1989 is Rs. 56.45 crores. Expenditure for the year 1989-90 is being compiled.

(d) C-DOT has developed a family of Digital Electronic Switching Systems. Technology transfer for the manufacture of the following products has been effected:

(i) 128-port PABX (Private Automatic Branch Exchange)

(ii) 128-port RAX (Rural Automatic Exchange).

Agreements for transfer of technology for 512-Port RAX have also been entered into with ITI and 8 other manufacturers.

(e) Report of the Expert Committee constituted for assessment and evaluation of C-DOT is under examination of the Government. Decision of the Government on the report will be placed before the Parliament after the same is finalised.

Family Pension to widows of the Victims of Terrorist Violence in Punjab, J&K and Delhi

*26. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA:

SHRI VIREN J. SHAH:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any scheme of Government to provide family pension to the widows of the victims of terrorist violence in Punjab, J&K and Delhi;

(b) if so, what is the current rate of pension payable to such widows;

(c) whether Government propose to enhance the rate of pension payable to such families in order to save them from destitution and to make it equal/uniform in all the States; and

(d) what other facilities Government propose to provide to the affected families?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MUFTI MOHAMMAD SAYEED): (a) to (d) According to information available the Government of Punjab have formulated a package of relief for the victims of terrorist violence in the State under which Rs. 500/- per month is payable as subsistence allowance to the widows of the victims. The Prime Minister has since announced that this amount would be raised to Rs. 1000/- per month.

No such scheme for payment of family pension to the widows of terrorist violence is in existence in the Union Territory of Delhi. Information in this regard is awaited from the Government of J&K.

गांवों में डाकघर की सुविधाओं की व्यवस्था

*27. श्री राम नरेश यादव : क्या संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) ग्रामीण क्षेत्रों में पेश आने वाली संचार संबंधी समस्याओं को मददेनजर रखते हुए 1000 की जनसंख्या वाले गांवों में डाकघर की सुविधाएं कब तक प्रदान कर दिए जाने की संभावना है ; और

(ख) इस कार्यक्रम पर कितनी धनराशि खर्च किए जाने की संभावना है ?